

REMARKS

Introduction:

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-13, 15-25, 27-41 and 43-58 have been amended. No new matter is being presented. Therefore, claims 1-58 are pending in the application and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections:

Claims 1, 7, 10, 19, 48, 51 and 52 were objected to for the reasons stated in the Office Action. However, amendments to these claims are being presented herein in accordance with the Examiner's comments and, therefore, it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e):

Claims 1, 2, 40, 43, and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(3) as being anticipated by Anderson et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,741,123 (hereinafter referred to as "Anderson"). However, claim 1 has been amended to include subject matter that is substantially similar to that of claim 49 which has been allowed. Thus, claim 1 is believed to be patentably distinguished from the cited reference and, therefore, the rejections of claims 1, 2, 40, 43 and 45 are believed to be overcome.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112:

Claims 3-6, 8, 12, 13, 21, 22, 25, 27, 28 and 35 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. However, amendments to these claims are being presented herein in accordance with the Examiner's comments and, therefore, it is believed that the rejections are overcome.

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Allowable Subject Matter:

The Examiner has objected to claims 11, 41, 42, 44 and 46 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, since the rejections have been addressed, as discussed above, it is respectfully requested that the objections be withdrawn.

Conclusion:

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks place the application in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the below listed phone number regarding this response or otherwise concerning the present application. Applicants hereby petition for any necessary extension of time required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) or 1.136(b) which may be required for entry and consideration of the present Reply. If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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